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## Medical

*Appointment of Venereal Surgeon in the General Hospital, Madras.*

*1106 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint an European doctor from England as Venereal Surgeon in the Madras General Hospital;

(b) whether the appointment has been made, and, if so, who is the person appointed and what are his qualifications and the terms of appointment;

(c) whether any applications were called for in India;

(d) who is the person or body who selected the candidate; and

(e) why the Government did not choose to depute an officer of the Madras Medical Service for special training in England in venereal diseases instead of importing a doctor from England?

A.—(a) & (b) A European Officer, Dr. W. Happer, CH.B., M.D., M.R.C.P., has been appointed as specialist in venereal diseases for the Madras Presidency. A statement showing his qualifications and a copy of G.O. No. 1927, P.H., dated 19th September 1928, containing the terms of his appointment are laid on the table.[a]

(c) Yes.

(d) The selection was made, subject to the approval of this Government, by a Committee composed of

(1) the Assistant Secretary to the High Commissioner for India,

(2) the President of the Medical Board, India Office,

(3) Dr. D. Lees, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Clinical Officer, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

(e) As the deputation of an officer for special training on the subject would involve the postponement of proper anti-venereal work in the Presidency for about four years, the Government decided to recruit a specialist who will also be able to train men locally for future work.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, whether applications were invited from qualified men in India?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"Did any private medical practitioner offer his services for honorary appointment in the General Hospital?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"There was no application for honorary appointment for this post."

*Appointment of the District Medical Officer, Nilgiris.*

*1107 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government contemplate directing the Civil Surgeon of Coonoor to look after the duties of the District Medical Officer, the Nilgiris; and

(b) whether a senior European I.M.S. officer is at present on reserve duty, and if so, why he is not posted to any one of these places?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 288-290 infra.